

Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council		Item ID:	19772	Agenda Number	23.
Meeting Date:	November 1, 2012				
Department:	Purc	hasing			

Subject

Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments with SANTEX TRUCK CENTERS, LTD for the purchase of four roll-off chassis in an amount not to exceed \$484,922.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Capital Budget of the Austin Resource Recovery Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	Cooperative Purchase.			
Prior Council				
Action:				
For More Information:	Sharon Patterson, Senior Buyer/972-2995			
Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Zero Waste Advisory Commission provided the roll-off equipment is not used to provide service to commercial properties or property types not currently being serviced by City of Austin.			
MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.			
Related Items:				
Additional Backup Information				

This contract is for the purchase of four pieces of heavy-duty equipment to be used by the Austin Resource Recovery Department. These chassis will replace equipment currently in the fleet.

This purchase includes the following heavy-duty equipment:

Austin Resource Recovery

4 Roll-off Chassis

Fleet Services and the Office of Sustainability have worked together to develop a vehicle purchasing process to progress towards our citywide objective of obtaining carbon neutrality by 2020. The purchasing criteria incorporate criteria pollutant and greenhouse gas emissions impact, available technologies on the market, physical demands on the vehicle, service application, and life-cycle cost. These criteria are applied to all vehicle purchase requests submitted to Fleet.

All of these pieces of equipment are powered with engines capable of operating on B20 biodiesel (20% biodiesel blended with 80% petro-diesel). The B20 biodiesel that the City of Austin currently purchases is TXLED compliant, ultra-low sulfur diesel, with the TCEQ approved KERN additive. A new technology vehicle operating on B20 produces at least 10% less particulate matter, at least 10% less carbon monoxide, and at least 10% less unburned hydrocarbons from running on petro-diesel, while also reducing life cycle greenhouse gas emission by at least 15%.

All of the replacement equipment has met the Fleet Officer's eligibility criteria for replacement. The Fleet Service Center Managers have inspected each piece of equipment to be replaced, and determined that the mileage or hours of use of each piece proposed for replacement cannot be increased without risking a significant increase in repair costs and loss of productivity due to down time. The new piece of equipment was also sent to Fleet Services and forwarded to the appropriate ACM for approval.

Santex Truck Centers, LTD is contracted through HGAC to supply these types of equipment statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing HGAC contracts provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest opportunity to place the City's equipment order.